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EIU HOSTS TEAMS COMPETITION

CHARLESTON, IL.--More than 250 area high school students will compete in the annual regional TEAMS competition Saturday on the Eastern Illinois University campus.

TEAMS (Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science), the largest and most comprehensive academic contest in Illinois, is being sponsored by the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers and the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS).

"The schools participating in the regional competition got here by placing either first or second in district competition held at various locations in February," according to Dr. William Cloud, EIU physics professor and TEAMS coordinator.

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Ten Class A and seven Class AA teams will be tested in the areas of biology, chemistry, computer fundamentals, English, graphics, mathematics and physics. Each school will be represented by a team of 14 students.

"Each student will compete in two subjects; and the highest two scorers in each of the seven subject areas will determine the composite team score," Cloud said.

The Class A teams competing against one another are Teutopolis High School, Altamont High School, Oakwood High School, Chrisman High School, St. Joseph-Ogden High School, Monticello High School, Newton High School, Oblong High School, Clinton High School and St. Teresa High School (Decatur).

The Class AA teams are Paris High School, Effingham High School, University High School (Urbana), Urbana High School, Mt. Carmel High School, MacArthur High School and Eisenhower High School (Decatur).

Cloud said there are students from an additional 21 high schools who are not on a team and are competing individually.

"This contest provides an opportunity for many academically talented students to showcase their abilities," he added.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three schools in each class. The top three students in each subject area will receive medallions.

The first place Class A and Class AA teams and the top two individual scorers in each subject will advance to the state finals. Team scores from the state competitions will then be compared to determine the top high school team in the nation, Cloud said.